

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1998 - 0900 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack and large fire activity continued in the Northern Rockies and Southern Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for helicopters, aircraft, equipment, overhead, caterers, showers, radio systems and a commissary. Very high to extreme indices were reported in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

BOYER, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. This fire is located about five miles northeast of Plains. Burnout operations at the head of Henry Creek were very successful yesterday. Perimeter control lines were completed and anchored. Mop-up operations have begun; however, large areas of unburned fuels between the burnout and the fire continue to pose a threat.

DOME, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Foster) is assigned. This wind driven fire is burning in steep, inaccessible terrain about six miles west of Libby. Crews conducted a burnout to hold the existing constructed line. The threat to Libby was reduced due to construction of fire line on the east end of the fire.

BITTERROOT COMPLEX, Bitterroot NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) is assigned. The fire is located about six miles south of Darby. This incident, which was reported as two incidents yesterday (North Fork Rye and Bitterroot Complex), was recombined. On the North Fork Rye fire, evacuees were allowed to return to their homes yesterday. The fire remained active within the perimeter with some spotting. On the Colter fire, mop-up is progressing, with numerous hot spots still present within the line perimeter.

CHALLENGE, Flathead NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. The fire is located about 40 miles east northeast of Kalispell. The fire continued to be very active yesterday afternoon. Crews were pulled off the fire line in the southern division, due to extreme fire behavior. The fire made a significant run into the Dodge Creek drainage, posing a threat to a cabin. Structure protection measures are in place. Safety concerns include steep, inaccessible terrain, snags, heavy downed fuels and bears.

BOWL, Flathead NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) has been ordered. This fire is located in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. It was previously reported as a part of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. No other information was received.

SPRUCE FIRE, Nez Perce NF. This fire is located in the Selway/Bitterroot Wilderness Area. No other information was received.

GILBERT CREEK, Lolo NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. The fire is located 24 miles southeast of Missoula. Crews and engines concentrated their efforts on the north and west flanks of the fire yesterday. There was little fire movement on the south and east flanks due to lack of wind and concentrated helicopter and air tanker drops.

KOPSI CREEK, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sherwood) is assigned. The fire is located about 40 miles northwest of Kalispell. The fire burned actively yesterday. Containment difficulties include steep terrain, low humidity levels, and inaccessibility of the area to crews.

BOULDER LAKE, Lolo NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) is assigned.

This fire is located about 25 miles northeast of Missoula. No other information was received.

KOOTENAI COMPLEX, Glacier NP. A Fire Use Management Team (Adams) is assigned. This fire is being managed for resource benefit. There was no appreciable increase in fire size yesterday. Structure protection planning has been implemented.

ELK CREEK, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. This fire is located 25 miles south southeast of Darby. No other information was received.

BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS COMPLEX, Flathead NF. This fire complex is located in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. It consists of ten fires and is being managed as a Prescribed Natural Fire (PNF) No other information was received.

BRADSHAW, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Milburn) is assigned. No other information was received.

WEST FORK WILDERNESS FIRES, Bitterroot NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) is assigned in addition to the Bitterroot Complex. There are 14 fires in the complex, which are being managed as Prescribed Natural Fires. Structure protection is in place at Paradise and Horse Heaven heritage cabins and is being prepared at Burnt Knob Lookout and Cooper Flat Cabin. No other information was received.

MOOSE COMPLEX, Nez Perce NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. The complex consists of seven Wildland Fire For Resource Benefit (WFURB) fires located in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. No other information was received.

POWELL COMPLEX, Nez Perce NF. A Fire Use Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. Major fires in the complex include Gypsy Creek, White Sand, Hidden Lake, and Parachute. Several trails near Powell, Idaho have been closed to public use. A structure protection plan has been completed for the Moos Ranger Station, the Shessler Lookout, and the Semmole Ranch. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BOYER	MT	NWS	5,900	50	UNK	750	24	33	5	1	UNK	1700K
DOVE	MT	KNF	2,760	50	9/8	598	18	6	6	0	UNK	1210K

BITTERROOT COMP	MT	BRF	4,040	65	UNK	638	21	18	2	1	UNK	560K
CHALLENGE	MT	FNF	9,000	10	UNK	704	21	18	9	0	UNK	950
BOWL	MT	FNF	2,700	UNK								
SPRUCE	ID	NPF	510	0	UNK	4	0	0	0	0	UNK	4K
GILBERT	MT	LNF	750	30	UNK	440	14	7	1	0	UNK	615K
KOPSI CREEK	MT	KNF	1,020	0	UNK	178	8	0	1	0	UNK	UNK
BOULDER LAKE	MT	LNF	215	0	UNK	212	9	0	2	0	UNK	253
KOOTENAI COMPLE	MT	GNP	8,742	0	UNK	86	1	0	3	0	UNK	UNK
ELK CREEK	MT	BDF	200	NR	9/6	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	UNK	UNK
BOB MARSHALL WL	MT	FNF	791	NR	UNK	UNK						
BRADSHAW	MT	EAS	14,700	NR	9/6	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	UNK	UNK
W. FORK WILDERN	MT	BRF	8,893	0	UNK	64	1	2	1	0	UNK	372K
SELWAY BITTERRO	MT	BRF	8,935	NR								
MOOSE CREEK	ID	NPF	1,655	0	UNK	121	1	0	1	0	0	305K
POWELL COMPLEX	ID	NPF	4,769	0	UNK	UNK	1	0	1	0	0R	UNK
SELWAY BITTERRO	MT		13	NR								

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

FORT CHAFFEE, Arkansas Forestry Commission, Arkansas State. This fire is located about eight miles south of Fort Smith. The fire was burning in scrub, hardwood and grass. No new information was received.

FORT CHAFFEE #2, Arkansas Forestry Commission, Arkansas State. No other information was received.

CEMENT, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located in Young and Jack counties. Numerous structures are threatened, including four homes and three trailers. The fire is burning in grass with a mesquite overstory.

WARD, Texas State. This fire is located in Clay County. The fire is burning in grass with a heavy oak and mesquite overstory. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FORT CHAFFEE	AR	ARS	6,000	UNK	9/7	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
FORT CHAFFEE #2	AR	ARS	3,000	UNK	9/7	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CEMENT	TX	TXS	150	70	9/8	22	0	3	3	0	NR	NR
WARD	TX	TXS	300	30	9/7	50	0	3	3	0	NR	NR
FRAZIER CREEK	OK	OKS	600	100	----	47	1	5	1	4	NR	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

MAIN SALMON COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. This complex is 40 miles west northwest of Salmon. The complex consists of 15 fires in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness on the Salmon-Challis, Payette, Nez Perce and Bitterroot National Forests. The significant acreage increases are due to improved

visibility. Observed fire behavior yesterday ranged from minimal to moderate, with some fires actively backing and others making short runs with some torching.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MAIN SALMON COM	ID	SCF*	22,690	0	10/15	60	1	0	1	0	0K	986K
LAI D LOW	ID	SCF	3,923	100	----	392	12	5	4	0	UNK	3564K
NORTH FORK COMP	ID	SCF	7,223	100	----	174	7	6	3	0	UNK	4852K

\* Primary ordering office location.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
JORDAN CREEK	WA	WAS	1,180	100	----	625	24	33	2	0	UNK	2280K
MILLER FLAT	OR	BIA	1,066	100	----	110	3	14	2	0	UNK	UNK

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
HAUL/GARCIA	CA	MNF	292	100	----	180	5	12	0	0	NR	1.1M

OUTLOOK:

Scattered wet thunderstorms are expected over the mountains of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, eastern Oregon, Idaho, western Wyoming, and western Montana. Central Montana may see some isolated dry thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from the 70's to lower 80's in the mountains to the mid 80's to 90's in the valleys. Temperatures up to 107 can be expected in the deserts.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
NORTHWEST	FIRES					3	12	15
	ACRES					18	7	25
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1	2			23	7	33
	ACRES	0	0			79	1	80
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1		2	19	2	24
	ACRES		0		0	90	4	94
NORTHERN	FIRES	1			1	5	9	16
	ACRES	1			0	21	2,529	2,551
GB-EAST	FIRES		1			1	20	22
	ACRES		1			0	3	4
GB-WEST	FIRES		3				1	4
	ACRES		8				0	8
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		3				1	4
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					45	5	50
	ACRES					9,295	5	9,300
TOTAL	FIRES	2	8	0	3	97	59	169
	ACRES	1	12	0	0	9,503	2,550	12,066

\* = NO REPORT

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	3	26	8	3	330	5	375
	ACRES	1	56,752	51	21	63,989	1	120,815
NORTHWEST	FIRES	238	244	8	21	1,357	1,492	3,360
	ACRES	23,776	73,269	358	13	22,719	13,096	133,231
CA-NORTH	FIRES	122	26	2	13	1,520	483	2,166
	ACRES	118	1,110	9,701	7	15,977	2,882	29,795
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	121	144	6	74	3,537	1,033	4,915
	ACRES	997	4,772	9,866	31	50,600	7,446	73,712
NORTHERN	FIRES	712	71	36	23	501	2,119	3,462
	ACRES	7,591	6,040	7,523	8,876	24,390	27,468	81,888
GB-EAST	FIRES	37	533		16	267	627	1,480
	ACRES	260	129,208		71	18,372	18,863	166,774
GB-WEST	FIRES		411	1	18	75	165	670
	ACRES		73,304	0	3	3,330	822	77,459
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,580	118	14	77	861	1,229	3,879
	ACRES	11,016	5,374	2,933	6,064	95,259	13,819	134,465
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	380	320	32	27	663	316	1,738
	ACRES	3,981	3,677	548	4	8,050	2,811	19,071
EASTERN	FIRES	500			56	10,660	452	11,668
	ACRES	9,822			341	76,196	6,040	92,399
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		79	49	29,739	946	30,821
	ACRES	35		27,385	8,082	075,474	80,805	1,191,781

TOTALS	FIRES	3,701	1,893	186	377	49,510	8,867	64,534
	ACRES	57,597	353,506	58,365	23,513	454,356	174,053	2,121,390
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								60,775
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2,834,888

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES				0		2	2

GB-EAST	ACRES				7,990		1,334	9,324
	FIRES						0	0
GB-WEST	ACRES						3,699	3,699
	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
USA TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	FIRES	0	0	0	7,990	0	5,033	13,023

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational uses. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	55	147	2,137	64,562
YUKON TERRITORY		24,200	190	385,391
ALBERTA	25	24,454	1,535	567,742
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			397	1,367,892
SASKATCHEWAN	19	0	1,193	934,456
MANITOBA	8	0	455	313,935
ONTARIO	17	24	2,079	157,584
QUEBEC		1,400	782	358,789
NEWFOUNDLAND			193	34,504
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	273	284
NOVA SCOTIA			328	373
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			16	66
NATIONAL PARKS			93	32,481
TOTALS	125	50,225	9,671	4,218,059

Canada is reporting weekly on Wednesday

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES:

Area	Crews Fed	Crews ST/OT	Engs Fed	Engs ST/OT	Heli Fed	Heli ST/OT	Airt Fed	Airt ST/OT	Ovrhd Fed	Ovrhd ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	28	24	32	54	6	4			116	177

CA-NORTH	6	3	25	2	3		2		10	6
CA-SOUTH	4		3		4					
NORTHERN	128	27	36	70	33	15			968	212
GB-EAST	22	6	14	11	13	1			152	30
GB-WEST		1	1	2	1					
SOUTHWEST			8		1				17	
ROCKY MTN	1									
EASTERN					1	1				21
SOUTHERN	3	2	15	140	1	26	2	2	2	9
TOTAL	192	63	134	279	63	47	4	2	1,265	455

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